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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003.

In the specificationAmend the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 6 to the following:

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Between the rim 14 and the tire 12 are individual balls 18. The balls have a diameter that spans the space between the rim and the tire, so that a single layer of balls substantially fill fills the empty space between the rim 14 and the tire 12. The number, size, and shape of the balls 18 are selected depending upon the dimensions of the tire 12 and rim 14. While this view shows the ball 18